

FY 2014
General Fund Budget

\$72,450,000







BACKDROP OF BUDGET

- State mandates continue to drive changes to our local budget;
- Cuts to crucial County services have taken a toll on infrastructure, employees and services;
- Revenue shows signs of limited improvement;
- This budget has modest increases to public safety, employee salaries, staffing levels;
- NO use of fund balance for annual expenses;
- Renews a program of <u>SAVING</u> extra revenues



BUDGET / ACTUAL HISTORY

- FY 2008 Actual = \$81,295,633
- FY 2009 Actual = \$79,189,695
- FY 2010 Actual = \$ 70,263,772
- FY 2011 Actual = \$70,566,222
- FY 2012 Actual = \$ 64,626,895
- FY 2013 Budget = \$ 69,651,600
- FY 2014 Budget = \$ 72,450,000



REVENUE NOTES

- County Property Taxes continue to be subject to voter-imposed tax cap that limits growth of revenue from property taxes;
- County Income Tax is expected to show strong growth for FY 2014 and retract in FY 2015;
- Strong Accommodations, Recordation and Transfer tax growth are expected for FY 2014;
- NO use of fund balance or transfers are utilized to fund expenditures for the first time in 5 years



REVENUES

FY 20	013 Budgeted	FY 2014 Proposed	<u>Change</u>
Property Taxes Income Taxes	\$ 32,591,000 \$ 21,635,000	\$ 33,293,000 \$ 26,000,000	
Other Local Taxes	\$ 7,698,000	\$ 8,903,000	15.7%
Other Revenue Use of Transfers	\$ 4,578,000 \$ 1,662,000	\$ 4,254,000 \$ 0	
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 1,487,600	\$ 0	<u></u>
Totals	69,651,600	\$ 72,450,000	û \$ 2.8M



PROPERTY TAX RATES

FY 2014 BUDGET AS INTRODUCED

County Property Tax Rates – 2013

<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Baltimore City	\$2.268	Washington	\$0.948
Charles	\$1.121	Montgomery	\$0.946
Baltimore	\$1.100	Anne Arundel	\$0.941
Harford	\$1.042	Frederick	\$0.936
Kent	\$1.022	Calvert	\$0.892
Carroll	\$1.018	Caroline	\$0.890
Howard	\$1.014	Somerset	\$0.884
Cecil	\$0.991	St. Mary's	\$0.857
Garrett	\$0.990	Queen Anne's	\$0.847
Allegany	\$0.981	Wicomico	\$0.840
Dorchester	\$0.976	Worcester	\$0.770
Prince George's	\$0.960	Talbot *	\$0.512 (up from 0.491)

Talbot County Constant Yield = .5002 Net Assessable Tax Base = \$6,992,055,657 as of 2/14/2013 *FY 2014 Proposed



INCOME TAX RATES

FY 2014 BUDGET AS INTRODUCED

County Income Tax Rates – 2013 (3.20% Max)

<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Baltimore City	3.20 %	Charles	2.90 %
Howard	3.20 %	Kent	2.85 %
Montgomery	3.20 %	Baltimore Co	2.83 %
Prince George's	3.20 %	Calvert	2.80 %
Queen Anne's	3.20 %	Cecil	2.80 %
Wicomico	3.20 %	Washington	2.80 %
Somerset	3.15 %	Garrett	2.65 %
Harford	3.06 %	Caroline	2.63 %
Allegany	3.05 %	Dorchester	2.62 %
Carroll	3.05 %	Anne Arundel	2.56 %
St. Mary's	3.00 %	Talbot	2.40 %
Frederick	2.96 %	Worcester	1.25 %



EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES

- Increase funding for Public Safety: Emergency Services, Sheriff, Corrections, Fire Companies;
- Provide 100% Funding for Public Schools maintenance of effort and debt service;
- Reinvest in employees by providing a 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA) and a step increase;
- Partially replace positions previously removed during economic crisis



EXPENDITURES

Totals	\$ 69,651,600	\$72,450,000	û 4.0%
Transfer to Fund Balance	\$ 0	\$ 550,000	<u> </u>
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 572,201	\$ 482,950	↓ 15.6%
Capital & Debt Service	\$ 4,865,164	\$ 4,853,637	↓ - 0.2%
Other County Operations	\$ 18,366,736	\$ 19,720,167	1 7.4%
Public Safety Operations	\$ 11,515,948	\$ 12,481,566	1 8.4%
Public Schools Operations	\$ 34,331,551	\$ 34,361,680	û 0.1%
<u>F</u>	Y 2013 Budget	FY 2014 Proposed	<u>Change</u>



AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE

Available Fund Balance as of June 30, 2009	\$ 22.5 m
Available Fund Balance as of June 30, 2010	\$ 13.7 m
Available Fund Balance as of June 30, 2011	\$ 4.4 m
Available Fund Balance as of June 30, 2012	\$ 4.3 m
Budgeted to Balance FY 2013 Budget	<u>\$ -1.5 m</u>
Budgeted Available Fund Balance June 30, 2013	\$ 2.8 m
Projected \$ Not Needed for FY 2013 Operations	\$ +1.5 m
Projected Surplus from FY 2013 Operations	<u>\$ +1.3 m</u>
Projected Available Fund Balance June 30, 2013	\$ 5.6 m
Budgeted Surplus from FY 2014 Operations	<u>\$ +0.5 m</u>
Budgeted Available Fund Balance June 30, 2014	\$ 6.1 m



BUDGET AS INTRODUCED - RECAP

FY 2014 BUDGET AS INTRODUCED

- Expenditures continue to be shifted down from the State
- Revenues have stabilized for now
- Investment in key priorities public safety, education, employees – are highlights of this budget
- NO use of Fund Balance to meet expenditures
- Protects excess revenues by replenishing Fund Balance
- More detailed discussion will be provided at the two public hearings on the FY 2014 Talbot County Budget:

Tuesday May 7th: 2 p.m., County Council Chambers

7 p.m., Easton High School Cafeteria



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FY 2014 Proposed Budget

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